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*Bureau of Military Justice.*

With a view of defining more particularly the duties and functions of the Bureau of Military Justice, it is ordered:

*First.* The Judge Advocate General shall receive, revise, report upon, and have recorded the proceedings of the courts martial, military commissions, and courts of inquiry of the armies of the United States.

*Second.* All cases of breach of military law and military orders arising in the Department of Washington, and not otherwise disposed of by the Department commander, or the Military Governor of the District of Columbia, shall first be forwarded to the Chief of the Bureau of Military Justice, who shall assign an officer especially to examine and report upon all cases of this class, and in addition to which he shall investigate and report upon such other special cases as may be referred to him by the Secretary of War.

*Third.* All communications pertaining to questions of military justice, or the proceedings of military courts and commissions, throughout the armies of the United States, must be addressed to the Judge Advocate General, and commanding officers are enjoined to forward promptly to the Bureau of Military Justice all proceedings of courts martial, military commissions, and courts of inquiry, together with the orders promulgating decision thereon. Judge Advocates will be held responsible for the prompt execution of this paragraph, and they are required to forward to the Judge Advocate General, at the end of each month, a list of all cases tried and to be tried within their jurisdiction.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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